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# Former CIA head defends the agency

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A former head of the Central Intelligence Agency refuted the claim that the world-wide information gathering arm of the United States government is not well supervised.

Vice Admiral William R. Raborn (Ret.) told a dinner meeting of the American Ordinance Association last night that what persons who make the charge really mean is "they're not getting to do the supervising."

"When I was head of the CIA, each week it was my pleasure to brief certain select members of Congress on the activities of the agency," Raborn stated.

In addition, Raborn noted that the National Security Council and President both watch closely on the activities of the super-secret agency.

"The director of the Bureau of the Budget also supervises the

agency's activities very closely," Raborn added.

Raborn, who was sworn into office on the day that political upheavals hit the Dominican Republic, said the events in that country "really taught us things."

"This was, to the contrary of what you often read, one of the most predicted events in history and was the first time we stepped up to a national emergency and did something," he added.

"Americans in the Dominican Republic were huddled in a hotel with their lives in danger. I called the President (Johnson) and

advised him of the situation and when he asked for my advice as to what we might do, I suggested that since we had some Marines nearby they might be sent in to protect American lives," Raborn related.

"The President said 'you may consider it so ordered, Admiral,'" Raborn said.

Intelligence is not the romantic type of activity that you see pictured in movies and television but the gathering, reading, and assimilation of the main thrust of the military and total life

of every country in the according to Raborn.

The CIA is well organized, staffed with dedicated men, integrity, Raborn stated.

Raborn related the reason the creation of the CIA avoid again ever having a Harbor."

Every country in the has an intelligence organ he stated. The Communists "well organized and are tight in" and that "we must them with action — no as," he said.